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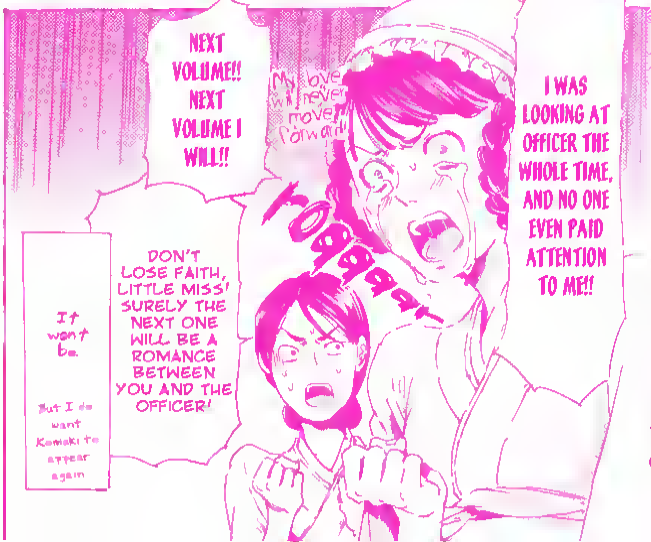
EVEN THAT TIME.
IT'S LIKE I'M SHOGUN OF SOMETHING CRAZY!!
OR THAT TIME...
I'M the boyfriend.
LIKE THAT TIME...
I smell the powder of countless women.


NEXT VOLUME!! NEXT VOLUME I WILL!!
I WAS LOOKING AT OFFICER THE WHOLE TIME, AND NO ONE EVEN PAID ATTENTION TO ME!!
DON'T LOSE FAITH, LITTLE MISS! SURELY THE NEXT ONE WILL BE A ROMANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE OFFICER!
It won't be.
But I do want Komaki to appear again

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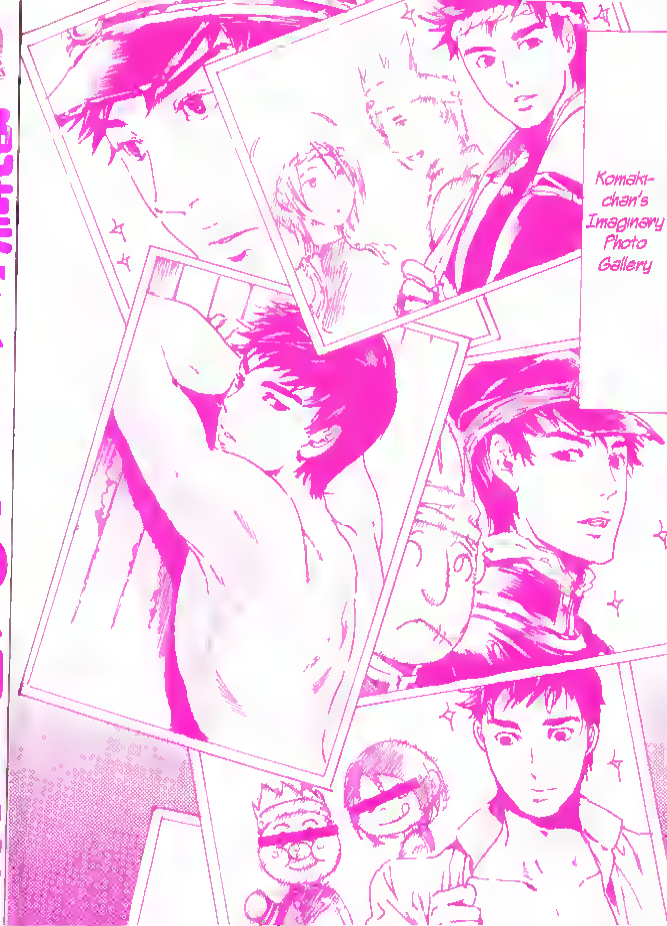
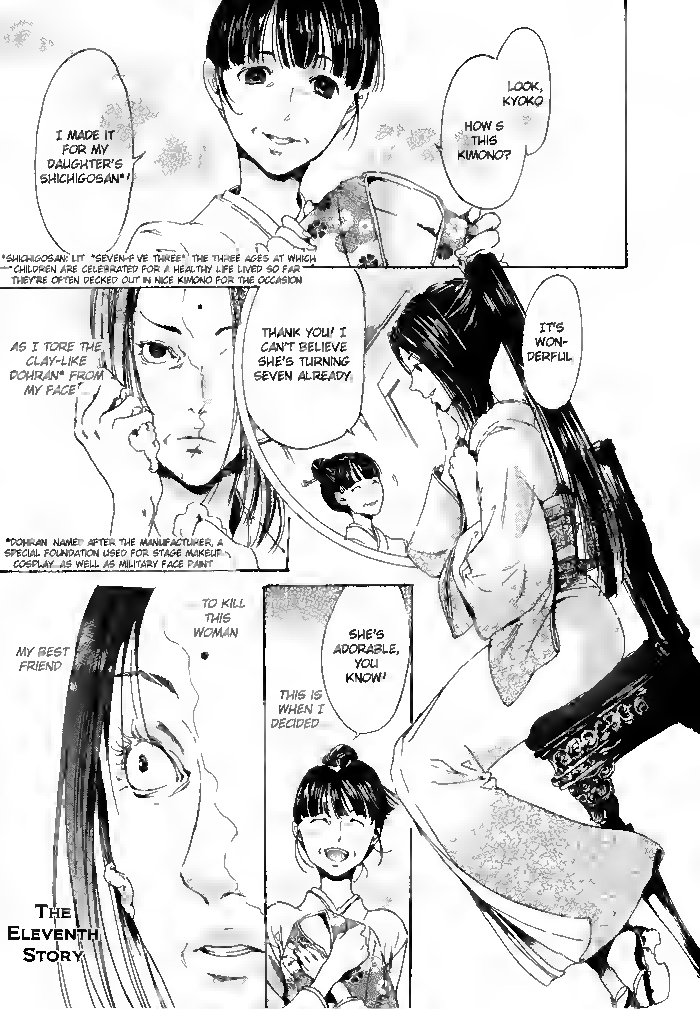



LOOK, KYOKO
HOW'S THIS KIMONO?
I MADE IT FOR MY DAUGHTER'S SHICHIGOSAN"!
"SHICHIGOSAN: LIT. "SEVEN-FIVE-THREE." THE THREE AGES AT WHICH CHILDREN ARE CELEBRATED FOR A HEALTHY LIFE LIVED SO FAR. THEY'RE OFTEN DECKED OUT IN NICE KIMONO FOR THE OCCASION
IT'S WONDERFUL
THANK YOU! I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S TURNING SEVEN ALREADY.
AS I TORE THE CLAY-LIKE DOHRAN" FROM MY FACE!
"DOHRAN NAME" AFTER THE MANUFACTURER, A SPECIAL FOUNDATION USED FOR STAGE MAKEUP, COSPLAY, AS WELL AS MILITARY FACE PAINT
SHE'S ADORABLE, YOU KNOW!
THIS IS WHEN I DECIDED
TO KILL THIS WOMAN
MY BEST FRIEND
THE ELEVENTH STORY

What the mermaid wishes

tuck
clink
I MUST PROTECT THE OFFICER...
FROM NOW ON WHATEVER HAPPENS
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST... TELL HIM EVERYTHING ABOUT MYSELF AND ABOUT MY BROTHER...

NO... IF I DO THAT, NOT ONLY WILL IT ANGER HIM, IT WILL ANGER THE GANG
BOTH THE OFFICER, AND HIS FAMILY, WILL BE KILLED
I GUESS I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT MYSELF. WHILE MY BROTHER IS STILL WORKING ALONE...
SHIRO-KUN!
slide
WILL YOU COME TO SEE AN AQUARIUM PLAY?
WITH SABUROUTA AS WELL, THE THREE OF US!!
AQUARIUM PLAY?
IT'S A STAGE PLAY DONE UNDER-WATER
SABUROUTA LOVES IT
YEAH, I'VE ALWAYS GONE ALONE BUT
THIS TIME MY CO-WORKER WAKABAYASHI GAVE ME EXTRA TICKETS

Yesterday
ARAGAMI-KUN, I'LL GIVE YOU THESE.
WHY DON'T YOU GO WITH TWO OF YOUR FRIENDS?
WHAT? YOU SURE?
YUP. WAKA-BAYASHI IS A GOOD MAN
NO. HE'S DELU-SIONAL.
WHAT?
IT'S FINE. I BOUGHT THESE BECAUSE I GOT HORNY ABOUT THE IDEA OF GOING TO SEE IT WITH A GIRL.
BUT I HAVEN'T GOT A GIRL-FRIEND
WHY'RE YOU BEING SO CASUAL ABOUT IT?
GUYS ARE ALWAYS WANDERING AROUND HORNY AND LOOKING FOR SOME. YOU KNOW?
BUT ABOUT THE TICKETS... YOU KNOW, YOUR LITTLE BROTHER... KOJIRO, WAS IT? HE LOOKS LIKE A SERIOUS GUY...
BUT LOOK AT HIM CLOSELY, AND HE'S GOT ABS, AND HE'S KINDA GOOD-LOOKING. DOESN'T IT PISS YOU OFF?
I WISH EVERYONE WHO HAD A BETTER CHANCE AT GIRLS THAN ME WOULD JUST GO EXTINCT. WOULDN'T THAT BE NICE?
NICE!? YOU SOUND LIKE AN IDIOT! I THOUGHT WEARING GLASSES SUPPOSED TO MAKE YOU SMART!

AHAHAHAHA!
YEAH YEAH I USUALLY THINK OF MYSELF AS STRAIGHT. BUT "THOSE SLENDER HIPS ARE SOMETHING NO?" I MUST'VE FUCKED HIM AT LEAST FIFTY TIMES IN MY HEAD. HE'S MY IMAGINARY SEX SLAVE NOW.
SO LIKE I WAS SAYING WHY DON'T YOU GO WITH THOSE TWO?
OH... YOU MEAN SHIRO?
AND HIS FRIEND... THAT BOY. WHO'S AWFULLY PRETTY FOR A GUY?
YOU DO REALIZE YOU JUST CASUALLY CAME OUT, RIGHT!?

I WOULD NEVER HAVE EXPECTED THIS FROM WAKABAYASHI!!
I'M AN S YOU KNOW!! I DON'T CARE IF IT'S IMAGINARY!! FIFTY TIMES AND BY A MAN!!
SWAH
LOOK AT THE GRUDGE HE HAS!! HE WANTS ME TO GO EXTINCT!!
AND THAT'S HOW I GOT THESE GRACIOUS GIFTS
GRACIOUS MY ASS!!
YEAH. IT'S TRUE. HE DOES LOOK PRETTY CONSERVATIVE ON THE OUTSIDE.
Hch
CHUUUUU

HONEY, ARE YOU TAKING IT OUT ON ME BECAUSE YOU GOT FUCKED FIFTY TIMES?
I KNOW. YOU'VE GOT YOUR HAIR STANDING UP. MAYBE PEOPLE THINK YOU'VE GOT OTHER BODY PARTS "UP" ALL THE TIME TOO
IT'S SUCH AN ADVANTAGE. JUST BECAUSE OF MY LOOKS, PEOPLE SAY I SEEM PERVERTED EVEN THOUGH I'M NORMAL
Hch

CALM DOWN, YOU TWO!! LET'S GO WATCH THE AQUARIUM PLAY, SHALL WE!?
Heh it must be great being you guys!! Good looks do wonders for the image, don't they!?
SHUT UP ABOUT THE FIFTY TIMES!!
chatter
chatter
THAT'S THE STAGE FOR THE AQUARIUM PLAY?
THAT'S A HUGE AQUARIUM.
OH, THERE ARE THE ACTRESSES!
dub dub

MER-
MAIDS!!
THIS IS WHAT AN AQUARIUM PLAY IS. THE TAILS ARE FAKE OF COURSE

THERE ARE MERMAIDS IN THE MOATS AROUND THE AUDIENCE SEATS...!!
WAH!
SPLASH
THAT'S PART OF THE SERVICE
GENTLEMEN ANY MERMAID TEARS FOR YOU?
SMASH
THREE PLEASE
THIS DRINK IS SO FRAGRANT
ISN'T IT?
OH, THE PLAY'S STARTING
YOU CAN HEAR THEIR VOICES EVEN UNDERWATER!
THERE'S VOICE ACTORS OUTSIDE SPEAKING FOR THEM.

*KYOKO: THE CHINESE CHARACTERS MEAN "MIRROR LAKE"
THERE'S THE STAR OF THE SHOW, LONG-TIME ACTRESS KYOKO*!
WOW, SHE'S BEAUTIFUL
*HANALIO: CHINESE CHARACTERS MEAN "FLOWER FISH"
HANALIO THE NEW ACTRESS!
SHE'S GAINING POPULARITY FOR HER UNCONVENTIONAL CONTEMPORARY STYLE OF ACTING
BUT NOW EVERYONE'S ACTING LIKE KYOKO'S OUTDATED

BUT WHAT AWAITS BEYOND THAT?
EVERY ACTRESS HAS TO SURRENDER HER SPOTLIGHT SOME DAY
I SEE...
SIGH
I'M A KYOKO FAN, SO I DON'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL...
YEAH. IF YOU GO THROUGH HERE, IT'S A SHORTCUT INTO TOWN
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS A WOOD CLOSE TO THE PLAYHOUSE
WE JUST STEPPED IN TO HAVE A BITE, AND IT'S ALREADY EVENING
OH, LOOK, A POND.

!!?
splash
THERE'S A BARGE TOO
far
creak
dkp
OH!!
U-UM, YOU'RE KYOKO-SAN, RIGHT!?
splash
F-FROM T-THE AQUARIUM PLAY..!!
YES

I'M A HUGE FAN OF YOURS!! WE SAW YOUR PLAY TODAY TOO AND WE WERE JUST ON OUR WAY HOME
WERE YOU PRACTICING SWIMMING HERE!?
YES I WAS
SOME LUCK MUST HAVE BROUGHT US TOGETHER HERE
WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN ME BACK-STAGE FOR SOME TEA?
A-AB-SO-LUTELY! !
Spurt

*DONO = SOMEWHAT ARCHAIC HONORIFIC SUFFIX, MEANS "MR." OR "MS."

I'M SO HONOURED TO BE INVITED BACK-STAGE!!
I'M SORRY THIS PLACE IS SO CRAMPED
NOT AT ALL!! I'M HAPPY IT'S SO CRAMPED, SINCE I GET TO BE CLOSER TO YOU!!
ARAGAMI-DONO*, THAT'S CREEPY
SHUT UP!

AND... UH... BEING ABLE TO MEET HANAUO-SAN AS WELL...
YOU SHARE THE SAME DRESSING ROOM?
YES. WELL... HANAUO USED TO BE MY ATTENDANT...
I HOPE YOU'LL EXCUSE ME FOR TODAY.
FLIT
slide
OH! HANAUO, WHY DON'T YOU TALK TO SOME GENTLEMEN FOR A CHANGE?
MEN ONLY GET IN THE WAY OF PRACTICE
THEY'RE TRASH
TRASH
SLAP
I... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY. THE GIRL HAD A BAD EXPERIENCE IN THE PAST, AND SHE HATES MEN

I SAW THE STAGE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY... BUT I WAS VERY MOVED
YOU HAVE AMAZING TALENT AS WELL, KYOKO-DONO
OH... THANK YOU. AND YOUR NAME...?
...BUT MAYBE HER SINGULAR DEVOTION TO THE STAGE... ...IS WHAT MAKES HER SUCH A PRODIGY.
slide
MY, WHAT A DASHING GROUP OF GENTLE-MEN
KYOKO!
I-I'M ARAGAMI SABUROUTA!
I'M YOSHIWARA SHIRO
I'M YAMADA KOJIRO
OH!
SHE MUST BE..!!
Y... YES
OH! GUESTS?
I'VE BROUGHT SOME FOOD...

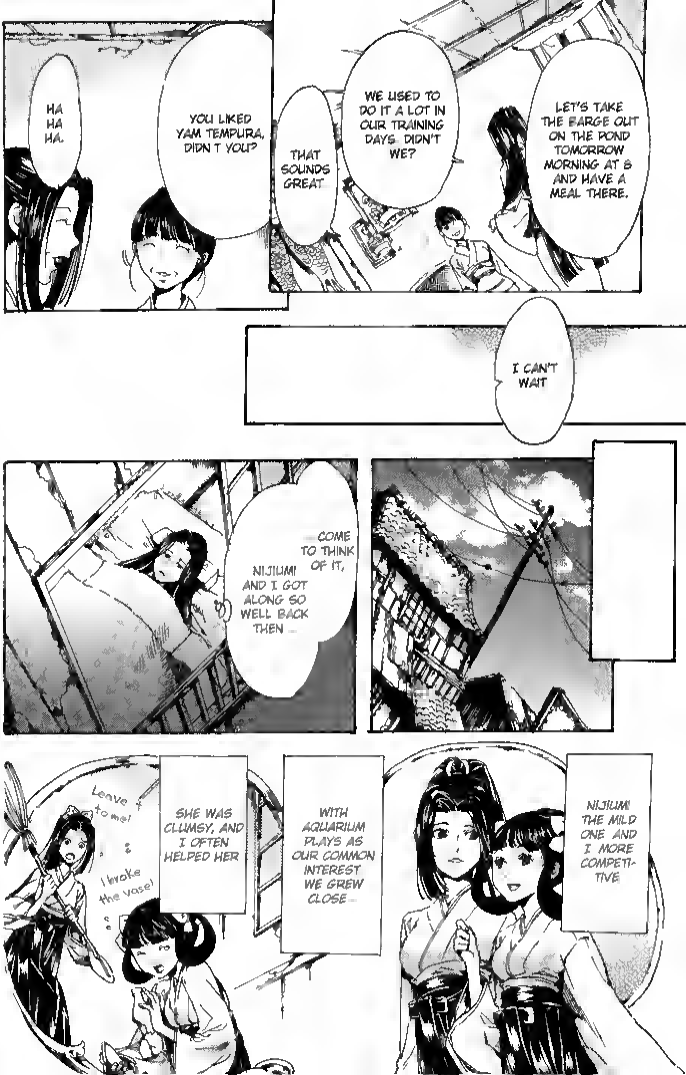
NIJIUMI*-SAN!?
OH?
YOU KNOW MY STAGE NAME? BUT I RETIRED TWELVE YEARS AGO!
YES! I'VE BEEN WATCHING WITH MY FATHER SINCE I WAS YOUNG!!
*NIJIUMI CHINESE CHARACTERS MEAN "RAINBOW OCEAN"
NIJIUMI-SAN USED TO BE THE STAR OF THIS PLAYHOUSE, YOU KNOW!!
OHHH
Nijiumi-san
MY FATHER WAS A HUGE FAN OF YOURS... WHEN YOU GOT MARRIED AND RETIRED, HE CRIED.
OH, HOW EMBARRASSING! I'M SUCH AN OLD WOMAN NOW.

KYOKO'S SO BEAUTIFUL, EVEN THOUGH WE'RE THE SAME AGE
HUH?
SAME AGE?
GASP
DAMN NIJIUMI. BLABBERING LIKE THAT...!!
OH... I'M ACTUALLY WEARING A THICK LAYER OF SPECIAL DOHRAN FOUNDATION
LOOK...
PEEL
ACTUALLY... I AM AN OLD WOMAN...
TOO.
WHEN I PERFORM IN AQUARIUM PLAYS I USE A FOUNDATION LIKE CLAY THAT WON'T DISSOLVE IN THE WATER
PEEL
THAT'S WHY I CAN WEAR MAKEUP LIKE A MASK.
BUT THE FOUNDATION HAS SO MANY TOXINS IT'S DANGEROUS
YOU SHOULD SPREAD IT MORE THINLY
BETTER THAN LETTING THE AUDIENCE SEE MY AGED FACE.

DON'T HARM YOUR BODY LIKE THAT
THOSE WHO LOVE YOU WILL BE SADDENED
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE
I SEE HALF OF YOUR RARE FACE NOW...
...AND YOU ARE STILL VERY BEAUTIFUL.
...!!
THERE IT IS!!
HIS GOD-GIVEN LADYKILLING TALENT...!!!
And he doesn't even realize it!

A-ALRIGHT...
THANK YOU...
THANK YOU FOR HAVING US TODAY!
NOT AT ALL. DO COME AGAIN SOON.
SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE!
close
KYOKO, YAMADA-SAN IS YOUR TYPE, ISN'T HE?
HUH?
YOU'VE ALWAYS LIKED THAT SHARP AND FEARLESS TYPE OF MAN, HAVEN'T YOU?
I GUESS... BUT AN OLD WOMAN LIKE ME...
NO! KYOKO, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!!

AFTER I GOT MARRIED I FINALLY KNEW WHAT TRUE HAPPINESS WAS FOR A WOMAN
JUST BEING TOGETHER WITH MY BELOVED HUSBAND AND CHILDREN FULFILLS ME.
AND I REALLY WANT YOU TO KNOW WHAT THIS HAPPINESS IS LIKE!
DIE!!
DIE DIE DIE, DIE
I WAS PLANNING TO KILL HER ANYWAY, BUT I WISH I COULD KILL HER OVER AND OVER!!
THE PREPARATIONS ARE ALREADY COMPLETE
NIJUMI, DEAR—


LET'S TAKE THE BARGE OUT ON THE POND TOMORROW MORNING AT 8 AND HAVE A MEAL THERE.
WE USED TO DO IT A LOT IN OUR TRAINING DAYS. DIDN'T WE?
THAT SOUNDS GREAT.
YOU LIKED YAM TEMPURA, DIDN'T YOU?
HA HA HA.
I CAN'T WAIT
— COME TO THINK OF IT, NIJIJIMI AND I GOT ALONG SO WELL BACK THEN —
NIJIJIMI THE MILD ONE AND I MORE COMPETI-TIVE
WITH AQUARIUM PLAYS AS OUR COMMON INTEREST, WE GREW CLOSE —
SHE WAS CLUMSY, AND I OFTEN HELPED HER
Leave it to me!
I make the vase!

*SUIREN: CHINESE CHARACTERS MEAN "WATER LOTUS"
WE WERE BOTH INFATUATED WITH SUIREN* THE STAR ACTRESS OF THE TIME
ASPIRING TO BE LIKE HER, WE ENTERED THE TROUPE TOGETHER
WE RECEIVED OUR STAGE NAMES KYOKO AND NIJIUM!
I IMPROVED BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS
AND REACHED SECOND-HIGHEST IN POPULARITY
SUIREN WAS FIRST OF COURSE BUT I WAS CONFIDENT THAT I'D BEAT HER
SHE WAS TALENTED BUT NOT YOUNG ANYMORE

I THOUGHT I WAS FINALLY QUEEN, BUT THEN —
PRIDEFUL SUIREN RESIGNED
I GARNERED THE TOP SPOT WITH ACTING THAT EMPHASIZED MY YOUTH
NIJIUMI'S TALENT FLOURISHED
SHE HAD THE KIND OF DELICACY AND GENTLENESS IN HER DANCE THAT I DIDN'T HAVE SINCE I ONLY EVER THOUGHT OF BEATING SUIREN IN MINE
NIJIUMI BECAME THE STAR ACTRESS IN NO TIME
UNTIL THEN I HAD ALWAYS BEEN BETTER THAN NIJIUMI IN EVERYTHING
I REFUSED BE SECOND-BEST BUT DESPITE MY FRENZIED ATTEMPTS I COULDN'T WIN AGAINST HER

I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO FEEL
HAVE YOU...?
CONGRATULATIONS.
I...
THEN ONE DAY
I'VE BEEN PROPOSED TO MARRY
NOW, I WAS THE TOP STAR
I WOULD BE SECOND-BEST TO HER FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE
BUT NIJIJIMI WAS STILL LEAVING AS THE VICTOR
I APPEARED ONSTAGE AFTER THAT THE DREGS OF THE STAR THAT HAD JUST LEFT
AND NIJIJIMI ALWAYS CAME TO SEE ME
I WAS GROWING OLDER BY THE DAY BUT NIJIJIMI LOOKED BLISSFUL BLESSED WITH HER HUSBAND AND CHILD
BUT IT WAS BECOMING MORE AND MORE PAINFUL TO SEE HER

AND, ON TOP OF THAT, THE TALENTED NOVICE HANAJO HAD TO LOSE HER
MY GIRLHOOD WAS ALL PRACTICE
I'D NEVER EVEN HELD HANDS WITH A MAN BEFORE
MY DAYS WERE COMING TO A CLOSE
SHE HAD THE REAL TOP SPOT AS AN AQUARIUM-STAGE ACTRESS
AND SHE HAD REAL WOMANLY HAPPINESS
NIJIUMI HAD EVERYTHING
AND CAME TO SHOW IT OFF TO ME EVERY DAY
AND AMIDST ALL THAT
YOU'RE ILL
WHAT!?
YOU'RE GETTING SPOTS ON YOUR HANDS
YOUR LUNGS ARE GETTING WORSE

EVERYTHING SEEMED TO GO BLACK IN FRONT OF ME
EVEN IF YOU CONTINUED YOU WOULDN'T LAST LONG
RETIRE IMMEDIATELY
IT'S THE POISON
YOU PUT ON A THICK LAYER OF FOUNDATION FOR AQUARIUM PLAYS DON'T YOU?
IF YOU TOOK THE AQUARIUM STAGE FROM ME WHAT WOULD BE LEFT?
THE TATTOO ON HER FOREHEAD
GASP
WITH THOSE THOUGHTS IN MY HEAD I WALKED HOME AND I SAW HER
HOW HORRIBLE, SOMEONE SITTING IN THE STREET

SUIREN!!

THAT MANY PEOPLE WHO RETIRED PAST MIDDLE-AGE

WERE SUFFERING FROM DOHRAN FOUNDATION POISONING

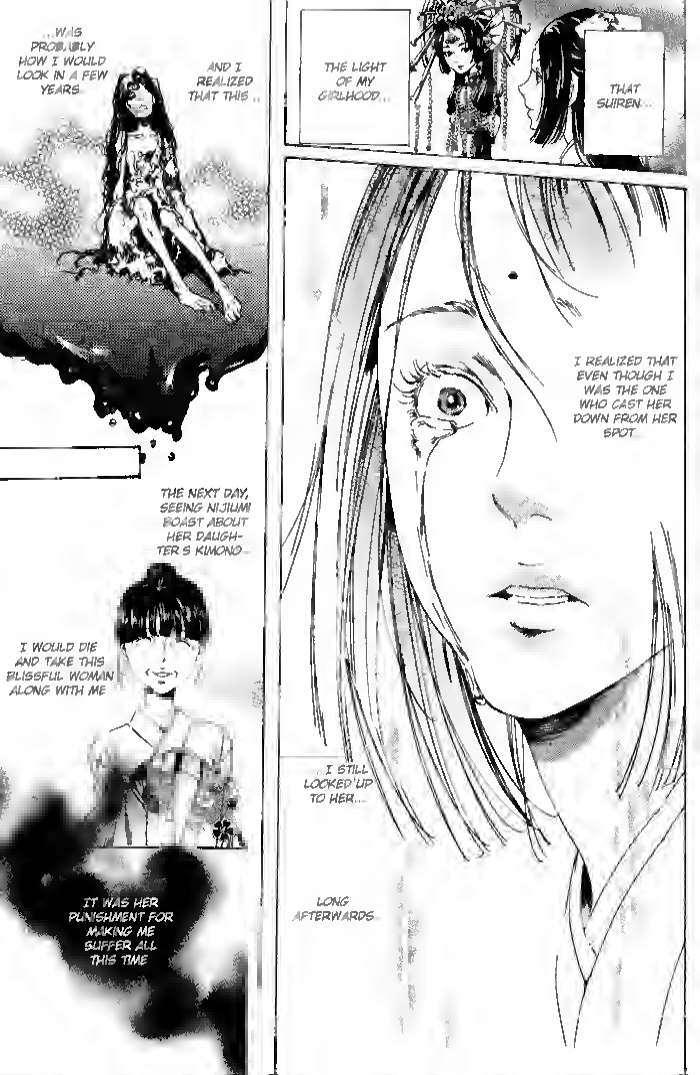
MANY COULD NEITHER MARRY NOR WORK

AND COULD BARELY KEEP UP THEIR OWN LIVING

shake

shake

I HAD ALREADY HEARD—


...WAS PROBABLY HOW I WOULD LOOK IN A FEW YEARS...
AND I REALIZED THAT THIS ..
THE LIGHT OF MY GIRLHOOD...
THAT SUIREN...
I REALIZED THAT EVEN THOUGH I WAS THE ONE WHO CAST HER DOWN FROM HER SPOT
THE NEXT DAY, SEEING NIJIUMI BOAST ABOUT HER DAUGHTER'S KIMONO...
I WOULD DIE AND TAKE THIS BLISSFUL WOMAN ALONG WITH ME
...I STILL LOOKED UP TO HER...
IT WAS HER PUNISHMENT FOR MAKING ME SUFFER ALL THIS TIME
LONG AFTERWARDS...

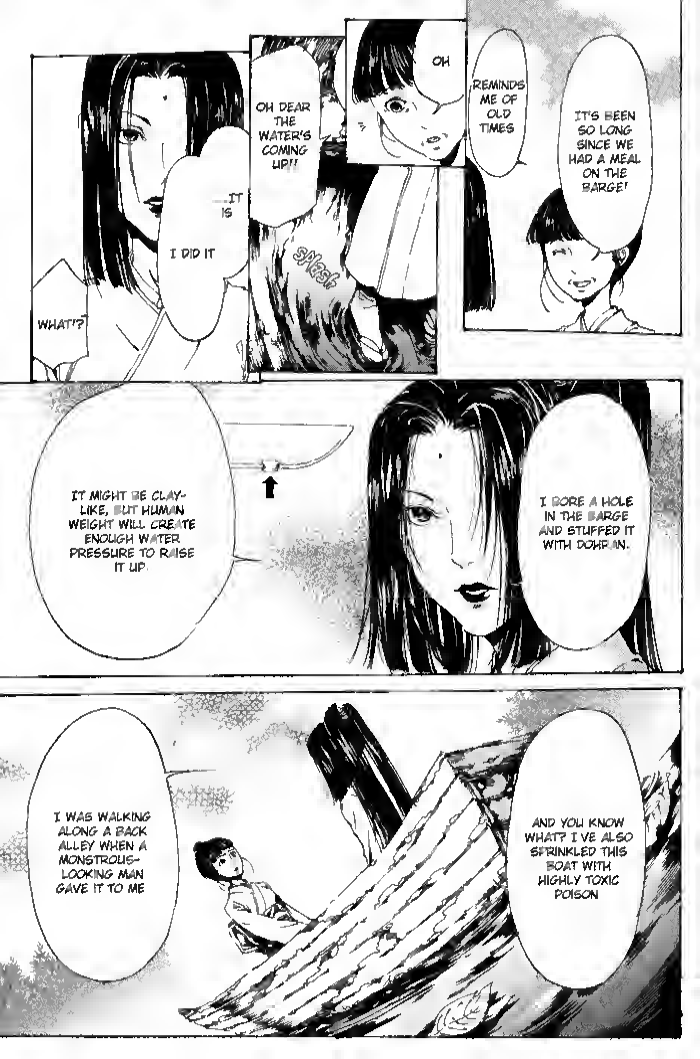
'ES... SAY, OFFICER.
IT'S GETTING QUITE LATE, ISN'T IT?
古商買須大
STEP
'ES!
SEE YOU!
ALRIGHT! WHATEVER THE CASE, I'LL BE PREPARED!
WHAT!?
I CAN'T SAY FOR SURE, BUT...
...THEN HE MUST STILL BE IN TOWN
IF THAT'S TRUE
!!
DOOM
AH...
glance
MOST LIKELY IN A BACK ALLEY LIKE

!!
KA
GH!
IT'S KIHACHIRO-SAN ISN'T IT?
...SHIRO?
Rune

KIHACHIRO-SAN, YOU'VE BEEN HIDING IN THIS TOWN EVER SINCE ESCAPING FROM AMAKAWA'S PLACE. HAVEN'T YOU?
'ES
THAT'S WHY YOUR "RED VEIL" IS DEPLETED
AND YOUR BODY IS DEFORMED
SHUT UP!
lunge
Hina
!
!!
swing
SLASH

Gah!
THUD
Ngh!
NONE!!
I'VE GOT NO PLACE TO RETURN TO!
KIHACHI-RO-SAN!!
Ryu
SHIT!

I DON'T CARE HOW BAD IT GETS, I DON'T WANNA DIE!
I DON'T WANNA DIE!!
IF YOU MESS UP THE GANG'S WORK, THE PENALTY IS DEATH!!
...DEATH PENALTY...
KIHACHIRO-SAN...
KIHA-CHIRO-SAN!!
RUN
FUDAT


IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE WE HAD A MEAL ON THE BARGE!
REMINDS ME OF OLD TIMES
OH
OH DEAR THE WATER'S COMING UP!!
SWISH
IT IS
I DID IT
WHAT!?
I BORE A HOLE IN THE BARGE AND STUFFED IT WITH DOHRAN.
IT MIGHT BE CLAY-LIKE, BUT HUMAN WEIGHT WILL CREATE ENOUGH WATER PRESSURE TO RAISE IT UP.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? I'VE ALSO SPRINKLED THIS BOAT WITH HIGHLY TOXIC POISON
I WAS WALKING ALONG A BACK ALLEY WHEN A MONSTROUS-LOOKING MAN GAVE IT TO ME

HE ASKED IF HE COULD EXCHANGE IT FOR THE RICE CAKES I HAD.
HE SAID I HAD THE EYES OF A PERSON WHO WANTED TO MURDER SOMEONE.
THE POISON IS SO STRONG, EVEN GETTING SOME BETWEEN YOUR NAILS...
...IS ENOUGH TO KILL YOU.
YOUR RIGHT LEG IS ALREADY IN THE WATER.
I'M SO SORRY. I WAS ALWAYS JEALOUS OF YOU.
!?
SO YOU HADN'T REALIZED AFTER ALL
MY RIGHT LEG IS PROS-THETIC

WHAT!?
slide
!!
I WAS PLANNING TO KILL YOU TODAY, TOO.
BUT THANKS TO THE TOXINS IN THE DOHRAN
I WENT LAME
YOU KNOW, I WANTED TO CONTINUE ACTING IN THE AQUARIUM UNTIL I DIED

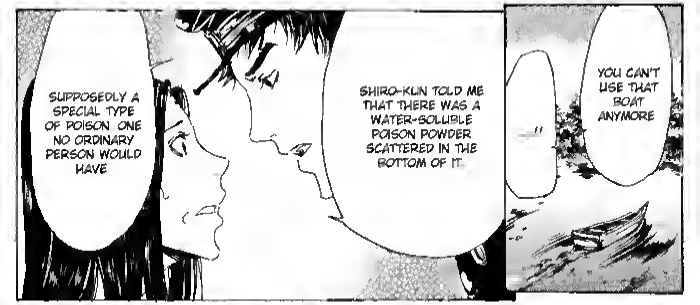
I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL IN DESPAIR, AND WAS PROPOSED TO BY THE DOCTOR THERE
DID I HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE AFTER I'D LOST THE STAGE?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT MY HUSBAND OR CHILD!!
I LOVE ONLY THE AQUARIUM STAGE!!
WANTED TO SEE THE PLAYS AT LEAST SO I WENT EVERY DAY
I PLAYED THE PART OF THE BLISSFUL WOMAN SO YOU WOULDN'T PITY ME.
YOUTH WAS THE ONLY THING YOU HAD TO CAST SUIREN-SAN DOWN FROM HER SPOT SHE WAS MY GODDESS AND EVER SINCE THEN
I'VE HATED YOU
AND I HATED THAT YOU SAT THERE
IN THE SPOT OF THE STAR ACTRESS WHERE I SHOULD HAVE BEEN!!

WAS ALWAYS...
JEALOUS OF YOU...
I...
I'M SO SORRY...
WERE BOTH...
OH... WE...
realize
DREAM?
WE WERE...
JEALOUS OF EACH OTHER'S SUPERFICIAL HAPPINESS...

I'M FULLY CONSCIOUS NOW
THE ONE WHO SHOULD DIE...
BUT...
slump
IT WAS JUST A DREAM NOT REALITY
THAT WAS. YES. A DREAM
...SHOULD ONLY BE ME.
I HAVE NO EXCUSE TO BE JEALOUS OF MY FRIEND
AND EVEN IF THE RESULT WAS THIS
IN THE END I'VE LIVED HOW I'VE WANTED TO LIVE.

I'M SORRY NIJUMI
STOMP
!?
NICE MORNING MIND IF I JOIN?
OH- WHAT!? YAMADA-SAN!?
dp
S-STOP!! GET OFF NOW!!
WHY?
NOOOO!!!
!!

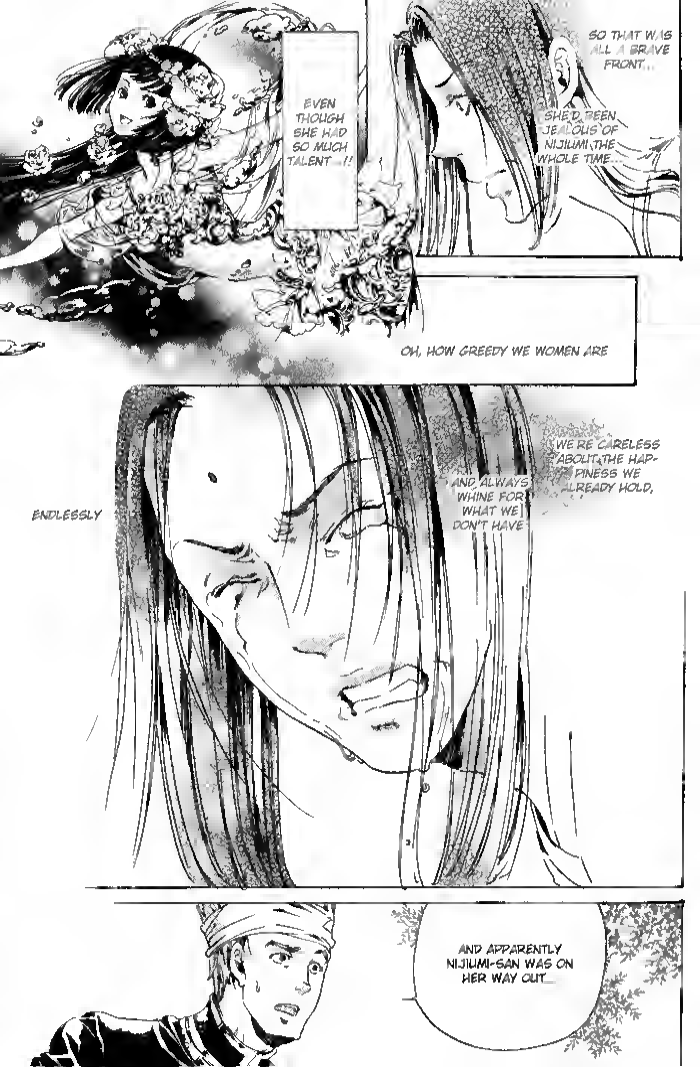
AH
drift
step
tap
splash


YOU CAN'T USE THAT BOAT ANYMORE
...!!
SHIRO-KUN TOLD ME THAT THERE WAS A WATER-SOLUBLE POISON POWDER SCATTERED IN THE BOTTOM OF IT.
SUPPOSEDLY A SPECIAL TYPE OF POISON ONE NO ORDINARY PERSON WOULD HAVE

I THOUGHT MAYBE SOMEONE HAD RIGGED THE BOAT
...AND I'VE BEEN WATCHING IT SINCE LAST NIGHT
JUDGING BY YOUR REACTION, YOU MUST HAVE PUT THE POISON THERE.
BUT TO THINK YOU WOULD TRY TO TOWARD IT YOURSELF...

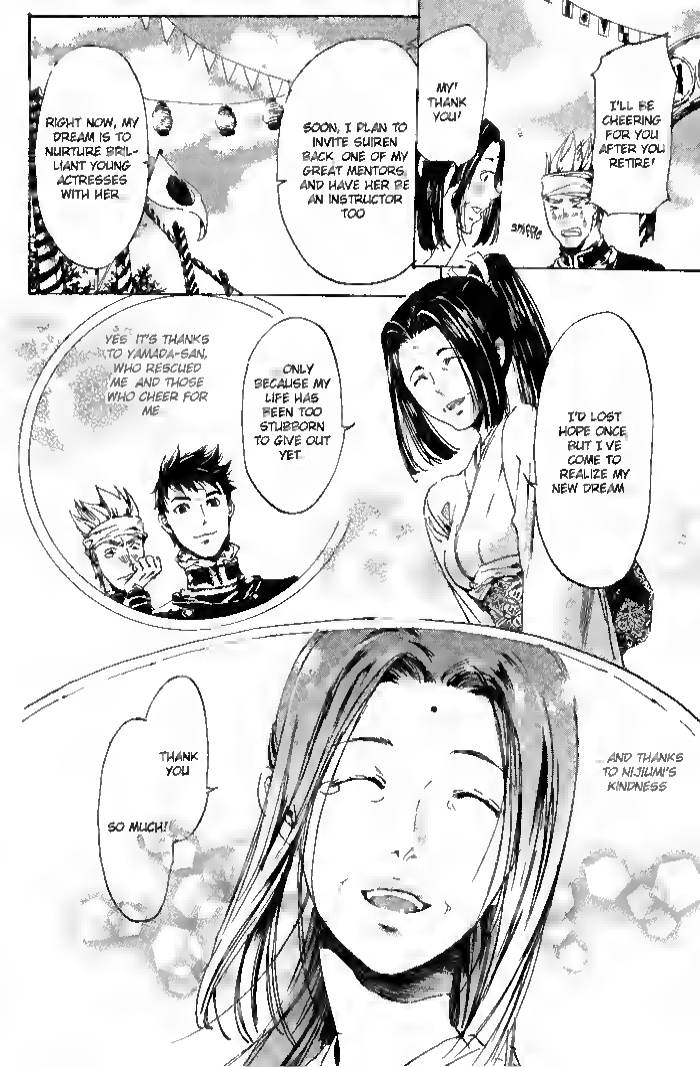
A FEW MORE SECONDS IN THE WATER, AND IT WOULD HAVE SOAKED THROUGH YOUR SHOES...!!
YOU FOOLISH MAN!! STEPPING INTO THE BOAT KNOWING THAT IT WAS FULL OF POISON!!
...AND TO RE-THINK YOUR DECISION
I WOULD HAVE WANTED YOU TO SEE THE SIGHT OF A PERSON BEING OVERTAKEN BY POISON
BUT IF YOU WERE INTENDING TO COMMIT SUICIDE
I WASN'T PLANNING TO DIE
HEY, KOJIRO!!
trot
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME...?
FOOLISH MAN !!

IT'S SERIOUS!! NIJIJIMI-SAN WAS STABBED TO DEATH ON THE STREET THIS MORNING BY HANAJO-SAN!
WHAT!?
THE POLICE STATION'S BEEN CHAOS SINCE THIS MORNING!
HANAJO-SAN'S TURNED HERSELF IN BUT FROM WHAT SHE SAYS...
A LONG TIME AGO HANAJO-SAN USED TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH A MUCH OLDER MAN...
BUT THAT MAN GOT MARRIED TO ANOTHER WOMAN
AND THAT WOMAN WAS NIJIJIMI-SAN.
SHE SAW NIJIJIMI-SAN LOOKING HAPPY...
AND SHE WAS JEALOUS
"MEN ONLY GET IN THE WAY OF PRACTICE."


EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD SO MUCH TALENT...!!
SO THAT WAS ALL A BRAVE FRONT...
SHE'D BEEN JEALOUS OF NIJIUMI THE WHOLE TIME...
OH, HOW GREEDY WE WOMEN ARE
ENDLESSLY
AND ALWAYS WHINE FOR WHAT WE DON'T HAVE
WE'RE CARELESS ABOUT THE HAPPINESS WE ALREADY HOLD,
AND APPARENTLY NIJIUMI-SAN WAS ON HER WAY OUT...

HEY, KYOKO
"YOU LIKED YAM TEMPURA, DIDN'T YOU?"
!!
STUFF LIKE POTATO TEMPURA
NEAR THE BODY WE FOUND A LUNCH BOX AND SPILLED FOOD
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS TEMPURA.
NIJIMI...!!
YOU LIKE THEM, DON'T YOU?

A few days later
THERE! MORE SMOOTHLY!
YOW! YOUR HANDS ARE TOO FAST!
KYOKO-SAN, YOU HAVE VISITORS
HUH?
OH! GENTLEMEN!!
HELLO
WE CAME TO SEE YOU SINCE HEARING YOU'VE BECOME A DANCE INSTRUCTOR FOR THE AQUARIUM-PLAYS
THANK YOU!
THIS WAY, I CAN RETIRE BUT STILL WORK WITH THE STAGE. I'M GOING TO GIVE IT A TRY WHILE BATTLING MY ILLNESS!


I'LL BE CHEERING FOR YOU AFTER YOU RETIRE!
MY! THANK YOU!
SOON, I PLAN TO INVITE SUIREN BACK. ONE OF MY GREAT MENTORS, AND HAVE HER BE AN INSTRUCTOR TOO
RIGHT NOW, MY DREAM IS TO NURTURE BRILLIANT YOUNG ACTRESSES WITH HER
I'D LOST HOPE ONCE, BUT I'VE COME TO REALIZE MY NEW DREAM
ONLY BECAUSE MY LIFE HAS BEEN TOO STUBBORN TO GIVE OUT YET
YES. IT'S THANKS TO YAMADA-SAN, WHO RESCUED ME AND THOSE WHO CHEER FOR ME
...AND THANKS TO NIJIUMI'S KINDNESS
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

KYOKO-SAN SEEMED TO BE DOING WELL.
'ES.
SAY, THERE WAS ACTUALLY ONE MYSTERIOUS THING
THERE WAS A SMALL KNIFE UNDER THE LUNCH BOX THAT NIJIUMI-SAN DROPPED
WHAT!?
I WONDER WHAT SHE WAS GONNA USE IT FOR.
NIJIUMI-SAN OUT OF ALL PEOPLE WOULD NEVER!
WHO KNOWS?
THEY SAY A WOMAN'S JEALOUSY IS RUTHLESS.
IF SHE WANTS SOMETHING
—THAT ANOTHER WOMAN HAS, SHE WANTS IT ALL—

DON'T BE SO CYNICAL! TEENAGERS SHOULD HAVE THEIR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS!!
WELL, MEN CAN BE LIKE THAT, TOO.
I GUESS. ALRIGHT, I'LL STOP BEING JEALOUS OF APPEARANCES.
I GOTTA START POLISHING MY INNER REALITY!
YEAH YOU'VE GOT MANLY COURAGE SABUROUTA!! THAT'S COOL!!
HUH?
I THINK SO TOO
BEGH!? You too Shiro?
SQUEE
ST... STOP IT YOU GUYS, YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH!!
BUT YOU GUYS ARE A LITTLE CUTE!
GEEZ, FINE THEN, I'M THE BIG BROTHER ANYWAY!!

OH, IF IT ISN'T SHIRO!
YOU'RE RIGHT
WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? YOU DON'T COME BY TO PLAY THESE DAYS
clutch
S...SHIZU-NEESAN!
SOMEONE NEEDS A PUNISH-MENT!
OH, SHIRO'S SKIN FEELS SO NICE!
AH!
STOP IT!
swish
Woah!
HER CHEST IS PUSHED UP AGAINST HIM...!!
LOOK WHAT I'LL DO TO YOU
AH!
STOP IT! HAVE MERCY!
jerk
pinch
giggle
HAHAHA! SHIRO, YOU'RE SO CUTE!

OFFICER!
AW, WHAT'S THAT FOR?
YOU! STOP HUMILIATING SHIRO-KUN!
ST-
STOP IT!!
DO IT SOME MORE!
giggle
giggle
So many boobies...
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR CONSTANT WOMANIZING!
OKAY
OH!

NEVERMIND I'M JEALOUS OF THEIR GOOD LOOKS AFTER ALL!!
YES, YES
S-SA-BUROUTA! HELP ME!
HUH? W-WHY!?
YOUR NAME!?
HUH?
squeal
squeal
AREN'T YOU THAT OFFICER-FRIEND OF SHIRO'S!? YOU'RE KIND OF CUTE WITHOUT YOUR HAT!
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NAKAMA
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